

Rock Creek Park

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Schedule of Events

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Join us in October as we celebrate the first full month of Fall with special hikes, planetariums, and a celebration. October is when we celebrate the history of America and Peirce Mill with Heritage Day on Saturday, October 8. Interested in just checking out the colors of the season, then come on out with us as we take a two-mile stroll to peep some leaves. Our special planetarium show is Spooky night Sky, appropriate for anyone 5 years and older.

Weekly Programs

Wednesdays

- **Young Planetarium** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children are invited to explore the night sky and listen to star stories. **Ages 4 and older.**

Fridays

- **Creature Feature** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children of all ages are invited to learn about Rock Creek Park's wild critters during this interactive program featuring live turtles and snakes. **All ages.**

Saturdays

- **Fall Night Sky** 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center It's October, and that means one thing: a weird and spooky sky! Join Rangers for this look at strange and unusual astronomical occurrences. **Ages 5 and up.**
- **Exploring the Universe** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Explore the solar system, Milky Way, and deep space objects in this high- tech planetarium program. **Ages 7 and older.**

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Saturday, October 1

- **Civil War Roundtable** 9:30 a.m. at the Nature Center Guest speaker John Hampton will discuss a brief history of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution The 14th Amendment was ratified on July 9, 1868, and granted citizenship to "all persons born or naturalized in the United States," which included former slaves recently freed. **Ages 10 and older.**



Saturday, October 1 (continued)

- **Rock Creek Park Day** 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Join us for hikes, games, food, music, and classes. See the Rock Creek park website for the full schedule.
 - 11:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies
 - 11:30 a.m. Event
 - 1:30 p.m. Event
 - 2:30 p.m. Event
- **Exploring the Sky** 7:30 p.m. at Military Field (Picnic Grove 13 Parking Lot; on Glover Road near Military Road NW) Explore the night sky through the lens of a telescope. The National Capital Astronomers Association and Rock Creek Park invite you to a friendly hour of stargazing. Cloud cover or rain cancels the event. **All ages.**

Sunday, October 2

- **Fall Foliage Stroll** 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center Join us to see the colors of fall as we take a two- mile hike along the creek and stop at one of the most picturesque views of the park. Remember to bring your camera, water to drink and sturdy shoes for hiking. **Ages 10 and older.**

Saturday, October 8

- **Heritage Day** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill Celebrate Heritage Day with Rock Creek Park and the Friends of Peirce Mill. A variety of activities will be available throughout the day. **All ages.**
 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hands on activities and crafts for kids.
 - 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Dry stone wall construction
 - 10:00—2:00 p.m. Open fire cooking, live bluegrass music, and Spanish- language mill tours.

Sunday, October 9

- **Georgetown Waterfront Walk** 2:00 p.m. at the Georgetown Waterfront Park Stroll the Georgetown Waterfront Park with us and learn how Georgetown went from an active port town to a vibrant community. Meet at the Georgetown Waterfront Park fountain at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and K Street. **Age 7 and older.**

Saturday, October 15

- **Fall Foliage Stroll** 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center Join us to see the colors of fall as we take a two- mile hike along the creek and stop at one of the most picturesque views of the park. Remember to bring your camera, water to drink and sturdy shoes for hiking. **Ages 10 and older.**

Saturday, October 22

- **Run of the Mill** 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill Join us for our last milling demonstration of the year! See the 2,000 pound millstones convert corn to cornmeal using that good old fashioned renewable energy of water. Miller Jeanne and the Friends of Peirce Mill invite you to discover Washington D.C.'s only surviving gristmill in action. **All Ages.**

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What's happening this month...



Our special planetarium this month is "Spooky Night Sky" where we will take a Halloween-themed look at objects in the night sky



Join us for Heritage Day at Peirce Mill on October 8 for a day of activities for the whole family



Our last milling demonstration of the year will be October 22nd.



Come leaf peeping with us this month as we host two-mile Fall Foliage Strolls and remember to bring a camera.

Rock Creek Park Visitor Center Locations and Hours

Nature Center & Planetarium = 5200 Glover Road, NW. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hiking trail maps and park information, plant and animal exhibits, and bookstore.

Peirce Mill = 2401 Tilden Street, NW. Wednesday through Sunday 10:00 am-4:00 p.m. 1820s grist mill — the last remaining on Rock Creek.

Old Stone House = 3051 M Street, NW. Open daily, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Early American home, self guided tours, and bookstore.